given provisional accreditation for conducting specified level of computer courses—'O' (Foundation), 'A' (Advanced Diploma), 'B' (Graduate) 'C' (Post-Graduate). The scheme is implemented through two professional bodies—Computer Society of India (CSI) and Institution of Electronics & Telecommunication Engineers (IETE). These professional bodies conduct examinations for various level of courses and the successful candidates are awarded appropriate certificates/diplomas. The institutions accredited for specific Computer Courses under the Scheme charge justifiable fees based upon infrastructure etc.

Setting up of Software Development Board

955. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a World Bank report has suggested the setting up of Software Development Board to give Indian Software Export a definite thrust ;

(b) if so, whether government have taken a decision to set up the board ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ELECTRONICS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) The Government has accepted, in principle, to launch a Software Promotion Programme along the lines of recommendations in the World Bank founded report in order to give Indian Software Exports a definite thrust. The modalities of implementation and monitoring of the Programme are being worked out.

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक हार्डवेयर टेक्नोलॉजी पार्क स्कीम

956. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि इलेक्ट्रॉनिक हार्डवेयर टेक्नोलॉजी पार्क (ईएचटीपी) योजना को अभी आरम्भ किया जाना है तथा औद्योगिक विकास विभाग द्वारा प्रक्रियात्मक आधार पर इसे रोका गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण है;

(ग) प्रस्ताव को स्वीकृति प्रदान करने तथा अपेक्षित उद्देश्य-सिद्धि हेतु इसे कार्यान्वित करने के लिए कौन-कौन से कदम उठाए गए हैं। उठाने का विचार है; और

(घ) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजनावधि के दौरान इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी उत्पादों के निर्यात तथा देश में उसके उत्पादन को बढ़ाने के लिए अब कौन-कौन से कदम उठाए गए हैं/उठाए जाने का विचार है ?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी विभाग और महासागर विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री एडुआर्डो फेलेरियो) : (क) से (ग) जी नहीं। इलेक्ट्रॉनिक हार्डवेयर प्रोद्योगिकी पार्क (ईएचटीपी) योजना पहले ही शुरू हो चुकी है। ईएचटीपी योजना को वाणिज्य मंत्रालय द्वारा उनकी दिनांक 14 सितम्बर, 1992 की अधिसूचना संख्या 42 (एन. डी)/92-97 के जरिए अधिसूचित किया गया था। इसके पश्चात् उद्योग मंत्रालय ने उद्योग (विकास तथा विनियम अधिनियम, 1951 के अंतर्गत इस योजना के संबंध में दिनांक 22 फरवरी, 1993 तथा 2 मार्च, 1993 को गजट अधिसूचना सं. एस ओ/117(ई) जारी की।

(घ) यह आशा की जाती है कि नई आर्थिक नीति के अंतर्गत भारत सरकार द्वारा किए गए विभिन्न उपायों का भारतीय इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी उद्योग पर भी उत्पादन तथा निर्यात के क्षेत्र में प्रतिस्पर्धा की क्षमता में वृद्धि करने की दृष्टि से अनुकूल प्रभाव पड़ेगा।

Formation of National Quality Council

957. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Industry had been demanding the formation of a National Quality Council (NQC) as an independent body for certification of both, products and quality system, if so, what are the details in this regard ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the absence of such a body the industries have to go to foreign agencies for getting the ISO 900 certification which has become necessary for doing business in the international market and have to spend a lot of money in foreign exchange by way of payments to the officials of foreign organisations ;

(c) if the answers to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, whether Government propose to set up National Quality Council, if so, what are the details about its composition and functions ; and

(d) by when the National Quality Council is likely to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (d) The proposal regarding setting up of a National Quality Council is under consideration of the Government.

S.S.I. units operational in Bihar

958. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any survey of the existing operational small scale units in the State of Bihar ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, district-wise ;

(c) whether is it a fact that a large number of small scale industries were closed during the last two years in various districts of the State ;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(e) what action Government propose to take to restart the closed small scale industrial units of Bihar in the near future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Office of the Development Commissioner (SSI) during 1989—91 conducted 2nd All India Census of Small Scale Industrial Units falling under the purview of Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO) and registered with various State/UT Directorate of Industries upto 31-3-1988 including the State of Bihar and have collected detailed information at State/District/product level from 5.82 lakh working units. The reference year for the survey was 1987-88. State-wise reports including Bihar have been brought out. It was observed from the results of the Census that 35,366 small scale units registered with State Directorate of Industries, Government of Bihar were found working during 1987-88. District-wise details are given in Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Any specific study to find out the number of closed units in various districts in Bihar during last two years has not been conducted. However, the